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APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH MODIFICATION OF THE 1983-84 PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS AND BUDGET LONG BEACH UNIT, WILMINGTON OIL FIELD LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The City of Long Beach has requested approval of the Fourth Modification of the Plan of Development and Operations and Budget, Long Beach Unit, July 1, 1983 to Jure 30, 1984. This modification will authorize equipping the oil islands and a leased ship for disposing of oil-free drill cuttings and drilling mud at sea.

The estimated cost of the vessel and islands work is \$1.4 million which would be charged against Drilling and Development Program Expense Account 979-A (Waste Disposal). The Field Contractor estimates that the system can be operational by July 1984. Unanticipated major cost increases in the present system of hauling drilling wastes to an inland landfill dump site requires an additional \$588,000 for the remainder of the current budget year. The total \$1,988,000 would be transferred within the existing budget. Therefore, no augmentation would be required and the currently adjusted budget total would remain \$258,657,453.

The project can proceed just as soon as the necessary permits from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Coast Guard have been secured. California Coastal Commission permitting and CEQA approval are not required, but a finding of consistency of the project with the State Coastal Plan is required by the Coastal Commission. THUMS will be submitting material to the Coastal Commission for such a determination.

The equipping costs are expected to pay out in less than six months. Ship operating costs are estimated to be about \$800,000 per year and will result in annual savings of approximately \$3,000,000 over the current method of disposal. The ship is being made available on lease from Clean Coastal Waters on condition that it will be immediately available to that

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organization in the event of an emergency. Additional considerations are increased concern about future availability of land dumps and the rapidly escalating cost of disposing at these sites. At present, only one such site is available in the greater Los Angeles area.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPRIME THE FOURTH MODIFICATION OF THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS AND BUDGET, LONG BEACH UNIT, JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984.

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